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Titusville Amateur Radio Club

TARC NEWSLETTER

March 1990

President's Corner

We are going to have an amateur radio display setup on the center stage of the Miracle City Mall on the nights of March 29 and 30 (Friday and Saturday). We'll have an active station to demonstrate am radio and a static display with literature and signs about the glories and wonders of the Titusville Amateur Radio Club. Be ready to volunteer your services for this event when the 'arm twisters' call. As I have said before, those who participate have the most fun.

Don't forget the Indian River Festival Raft Race in April. Guaranteed FUN for all you handheld 2 meter types!

We're still on a roll to have a membership drive in May. We have the potential to have 150 members here in North Brevard. It's one of those truisms about clubs -- **More members means more fun!**

73 - Bob / W4VQB

The Editor's Desk

by Doug Reed N4QVY

The software's in! I don't know how the final output will look as I won't be able to print it until I make it over to Bud's in the morning. It is nice and well worth the cost. It has taken a little while to get used to the features. I've figured out enough to

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Upcoming Events

› **March 27,** April 24 - Next TARC meetings, 7 p.m., JayCees Building on Singleon Ave.

› Every Thursday night - TARC Friendship Net, 7 p.m., 146.91 MHz (-600).

› 3rd Saturday of each month - SBARC / ARRL exams, 9:30 a.m. registration, FIT room Q22 in The Quad (under ham radio mast). For info, call Jim Larson, home phone 768-1954 evenings.

› April 21 - Newberry hamfest

› **April 13 - Deadline** for articles to be included in the April edition of the *TARC Newsletter.*

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Minutes of the February 27 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Bob, W4VQB, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Bob noted that the club was now incorporated by the State of Florida and said that the official papers were on hand for examination. He also welcomed everyone and had those present introduce themselves.

The minutes of the January meeting were read by Doug, N4QVY, and approved by those present. Clyde, K4EOS, explained the 50/50 drawing. He also said that Bill, WB4EZT, had been hospitalized and that he had a card for all to sign. Treasury report: Petty cash account has $14.43; bank balance is $448.77. The treasury report was approved by those present.

Old business:

Bob mentioned that TARC had secured P.O. Box 73 at the main post office. He also noted that 3 members visited with Sergeant Blakely of the Titusville Police Department and discussed various scenarios in which ham radio would aid the Department. TPD will allow TARC to mount a 2 meter antenna on the TPD radio tower located near Highway 50 and Barna Avenue. Pike, W4EPU, will be TARC's laison to the TPD. Pike requested a 2 meter antenna for use in the

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Article / classified deadline is two Fridays prior to the date of the monthly meeting. Articles may be given to the editor, Doug - N4QVY, at the IHOP on net nights, or left with Bob - W4VQB, where it will probably make its way to the aforementioned editor.

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print out the same general layout as with the old program, so you shouldn't see much change. Over the next few months I'll introduce some of the improvements, but I've been warned by of our writers not to make it cutsie. So I won't. Changes that you may notice is the lack of double line borders around certain boxes, like the banner and the 'Printing Courtesy Of box. You may notice an improvement in the TARC triangle drawn in the upper left of the banner. Hopefully there will be no 'jaggies' when this gets printed. Shading of boxes may get a little coarse until I fine tune this item. Most other things should look very familiar.

As always, I need some writer input. Those of you heading up activitees such as the raft race, mall exhibits, and fireworks festivities should have no problem jotting down a few words about what your TARC volunteers accomplished. With a little work, we may be able to produce some more four page newsletters.

I hope that everyone had a chance to buy all of those goodies at the hamfest. Since *now* to me is before the hamfest, and *now* to you is during or after the hamfest, you'll understand why there is no mention of what I bought there, and no need to mention items that I'm interested in finding there!

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project. Ron, KB4DCZ, said that he had a quarter wave to donate.

Les, K4SJC, gave a report on The Great Outdoors ham project. He noted that the development was willing to spend $1000 for a tower, dual band radio, and antenna in support of CD communications. Also he mentioned that some of the residents were asking about Novice / Technician classes. Ken, N9FZV, said that ARES performed similar support.

Les also mentioned that it was too late for advanced tickets to the OARC hamfest and that tickets were $9 at the door. Wynn, WB4ZUY, reminded everyone that the Cross-Florida bikeathon would take place in May and that he would have more information for communications support at a future meeting.

Bob thanked Clyde, Pike, Bud, and Les for helping out with the Thursday night Friendship Net and asked for more to volunteer for net control. Dick, W4LSD, said that TCI channel 9 (local bulletin board) is broken, so the club's meeting date and time couldn't be displayed. It was mentioned that the Oak Hill hamfest would be held on Saturday, March 3, at Charlie's (W4AKE) house.

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[illegible]at Dave, WB4SIG, bought 5 GE 110 Watt VHF rigs at the [illegible]t and would be willing to sell all 5 to the club for $100 for use a[illegible]r site. Les noted that the repeater's power amp was off due to d[illegible]lems. A motion was made to spend up to $150 to purchase t[illegible]d any miscellaneous equipment to modify / fix the radios for 146.91 / 146.31 operation. The motion was seconded and carried. Les mentioned that the Heliax used at the repeater site was rubbing on the water tower and that the insulation was probably worn through, allowing water seepage and creating the desense problem. He said that a friend of his may donate some new Heliax.

Ozzie, N4SCY, said that we may be able to place a sign at the area clubs display at the Washington Avenue - Hopkins Avenue Y. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to have Ozzie send in a Letter of Application to the City of Titusville. Ken noted that the Dove HamSat is copyable on packet with minimum equipment.

The meeting adjourned with Bill White giving a talk on substance abuse.

Respectfully, Doug / N4QVY

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